

EDUCATION BOARD WILL REDUCE ITS DEMAND FOR BONDS

In Conference With Mayor and City Commissioners Agree to Leave Undisturbed Mandatory Rate of 50 Cents.

Representatives of the old and new school boards have agreed to cut in two their demand for a bond issue to care for school needs during the next four years and to leave undisturbed the present mandatory tax rate of 50 cents. The bond issue to be asked will be for \$1,000,000. The agreement was reached at a conference held Friday morning between the members of the city commission on the one side and representatives of the two boards of education on the other. Present at the meeting were Mayor Paine, Commissioners Edgar, Allen, Shannon and Johnson, representing the city; Harold Fries and Mrs. Isaac Reese representing the old board; L. C. Himes and Mrs. S. J. Ellis, representing the board which is to assume office Jan. 1, 1922; Prof. Wharton S. Jones, superintendent of the city schools; Marion G. Evans, counsel for the old board, and G. W. Garner, counsel for the new board. At the suggestion of Mayor Paine, the board agreed to ask the legislature for authority to issue short-term revenue certificates in anticipation of taxes to be sold to the banks and thus to prevent an overdraft, which has been the bugaboo of school boards for time immemorial. The new program will be presented to the Shelby delegation Saturday. The agreement reached on the bond issue appears to be simply reducing the financial program to cover two, instead of four years, as the bonds are to be issued at the rate of \$500,000 per year. At any rate, the mayor succeeded in convincing members of the board that at the present time it was not wise to ask for an issue of the size first contemplated by members of the board.

To Pension Teachers.

In agreeing to let the mandatory tax rate remain at 50 cents, the mayor told school board representatives that the city would agree to enough raise in the tax rate to provide a fund for pensioning teachers. He also told them that next year, when the board's budget was made up, he would go over it and if it was found that the rate of 50 cents would not provide sufficient funds to care for the needs of running the schools the city would raise the rate to a higher figure, one that would provide funds commensurate with the needs of the board. On this basis an agreement was reached that seemed eminently satisfactory to all concerned, and so far as the city and board of education are concerned, it appears that matters of differences regarding finances have been definitely ironed out, to appear no more for at least another year.

CHARGE ROADS SEEK TO INTIMIDATE MEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Railroads of the country are charged by William Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, with wholesale discharge of shop employees and with checking work in their shops in order "to farm out" repair work to contractors at greatly increased costs. Johnston said he had submitted the matter to Bert M. Jewell, chairman of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, who is in Chicago attending sessions of the railroad labor board, and that Jewell would use his own discretion in presenting the matter to the board. Johnston declared the railroads were trying to break the spirit of the men by laying them off, declaring that discharges on some railroad were reaching the wholesale point.

SMOOT SEEKS WOOL AND MEAT EMBARGO

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Only an immediate embargo on imports of wool and meat will save America's cattle and sheep men from destruction and bankruptcy, Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, declared. Smoot said the cattle and wool interests of the country are even worse off than the agricultural interests. Smoot, who is one of the ranking members of both the senate appropriations and finance committees, said that as soon as the senate convenes on Monday next he will offer a resolution to shut out wool and meat imports from all foreign countries at least one year.

CENSUS FIGURES SHOW INCREASE IN CORINTH

CORINTH, Miss., Dec. 4.—Notification of the final figures in the census count of the city of Corinth was received Wednesday by Secretary Sharp of the chamber of commerce, from the census bureau at Washington, and it was very gratifying. No one worked harder or more earnestly than Mr. Sharp for a correction of the figures that were originally sent out as the population of the city, with the result that 5,498 will appear in the final report of the fourteenth census as the population of Corinth instead of 4,348. This is a net gain of 552 over the first report and a gain of 478 over the population of 1910. The percentage of increase is a fraction more than 9 per cent.

NOTED MUSICIAN DIES.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Bernard Mollenhatter, noted violinist, who made his first appearance on the concert stage in New York when eight years old, and was a member of a family of celebrated musicians, died here after a brief illness. He was 70 years old and a native of Germany. His widow and two sons survive him.

TURKS ACTIVE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 4.—The Turkish nationalists, having received from the Russian soviet 30 airplanes, 20 armored cars and numerous motor trucks, are concentrating their forces on the Imdid and Smyrna fronts for a great offensive against the Greeks, dispatches received today say.

SELL TWO VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Sale of two steel cargo vessels, the "Lake Sterling" and the "Lake Arthur," both of 2,875 deadweight tons, for a total of \$852,300 to the Richmond-New York Steamship company, is announced by the shipping board.

"Just A Kid," Says Jimmie, Of Feast

A double killing occurred at Neshoba, Tenn., Friday night. The victims were a young pig and a kid. Jimmie Coan killed both, purposely. That's the reason Jimmie's friends went about with watering mouths all of Saturday morning. Twenty of them were invited to the barbecue. They left Memphis at noon. "It's just a kid on the boys," was Jimmie's explanation of the unexpected treat.

SENATOR BLAMES SLUMP IN PRICES UPON "GAMBLERS"

BY J. BART CAMPBELL, (International News Service Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Responsibility for the "recent disastrous slump in the price of farm products" was declared today by Senator Arthur Capper, Republican of Kansas, to rest chiefly on the "heads" of the Chicago board of trade. Capper charged that the board, as now constituted, is the world's greatest gambling institution. "Because a lot of market gamblers find it convenient to bet on daily quotations, the farmer who has been forced to sell his hogs and cattle at a loss, while meat still sells at war prices, is again made the goat," Capper said. "The farmer has lost more than a billion dollars by the gigantic bear raid on farm products on the Chicago board of trade. 'Brokers and commission houses have cleaned up 40 millions in margins and commissions alone. The lambs who play the market have lost more than 100 millions in the last 90 days in speculating in cotton and wheat.' "Every city and town in the United States has its victims. There is a grain gambling conspiracy to milk the people and the farmers out of hundreds of millions of dollars, and its success depends solely upon how long the gamblers can prolong the raid and manipulate the market."

To Tell Congress.

Capper's charges were embodied in a formal statement that he would introduce when congress reconvenes next month. It charges all gambling in wheat, corn, cotton and other farm products by prohibitive taxation. Representative Tinch, Republican of Kansas, will introduce the same measure in the house, Capper also announced.

Capper declared the bill would "eliminate the wheat pit and blackboard," and put out of business the thousands of wire houses and bucket shops operating in every city in the United States, by making it impossible for gamblers and speculators to deal on boards of trade. The measure would accomplish this, he added, by imposing a prohibitive tax of 10 per cent on all contracts for future delivery except when made by farmers, dealers or manufacturers, who are buying and selling for actual delivery. A penalty equal to 50 per cent of the tax levied and in addition a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than nine years, is provided in the bill for violators of its provisions.

"The bill undertakes to preserve the legitimate hedge, but cuts all gambling and manipulation," Capper said. "A memorandum must be made of all transactions, and a report must be made by both buyer and seller to the collector of internal revenue," Capper said. He expected the bill to have the support of all grain and cotton dealers, millers and grainmen, who he added, are anxious to stop gambling in farm products, and would have the opposition of commission houses, brokers, bucket shops and market speculators.

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FINNS RATIFY TREATY.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Finnish parliament has ratified the peace treaty with soviet Russia by a large majority, says a dispatch to the Central News from Helsinki.

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Activities Among Memphis Negroes

BY REV. T. O. FULLER.

Turner university drive sermons will be preached in the Memphis churches Sunday, Dec. 12. The subject suggested is "Shall not Ethiopia stretch forth her hands for the prosperity of the South?" The rally of the drive will be held at Avery chapel Tuesday night, Dec. 14. Dr. F. G. Snelson will be master of ceremonies.

La Verne W. Noyes, of Chicago, has established a fund for scholarships at the University of Chicago for the benefit of those who have served in the great war. This fund is available for negro ex-servicemen also.

Many of our Southern cities are turning their attention to "a negro problem" to "a negro program." Definite plans for constructive social work have been made, and welfare agencies are assisting in movements for the uplift of the race. Speed the good work!

We commend the thrift and industry of the Jews to our own people. A report on my desk states that the Jews furnish 98 per cent of all the berries, 85 per cent of all the celery, 82 per cent of the asparagus, 70 per cent of the beans, 74 per cent of the onions, 65 per cent of the tomatoes, 63 per cent of the cantaloupes, and 50 per cent of the sugar beets. "Those who produce as well as consume will always be given some consideration."

Negro friends of Mr. Bolton Smith welcome his return to the city, after an extended trip abroad. The negro who was shown interest in the welfare of the race, commending what he thought was good and condemning what he thought was wrong.

Bishop U. C. Cleaves, of St. Louis, will be in Memphis next week to hold his conference. He presides over conferences of the Sixth district. The Jackson-Memphis conference convenes at Greenwood C. M. E. church Dec. 7.

Go to church Sunday. Church-going people are usually good citizens.

The Rev. J. W. Ribbons has given notice of his resignation as pastor of Gilfield Baptist church. Another good pulpit is vacant.

"Banks and Banking," by T. O. Fuller, will be issued from the press Monday. The book will be widely circulated.

The negro social center is slumbering. Will some good friend standing near please awaken it?

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—James Means, a pioneer in aviation, whose writings inspired the Wright brothers to the interest in flying that developed the first practical plane, died at his home here.

RIVER RIPPLES

No more than a 10-foot river stage can be expected for Memphis unless heavier rains occur in the upper Ohio, local United States weather forecasters say. An 8.5-foot stage was reported Saturday, or a rise of 7 foot. The river will rise at a diminishing rate for several days.

The Gleaner, with eight barges of coal from the West Virginia Coal company, is due in Memphis Monday. She will return to the Ohio river with about 25 empty barges.

The Bart Tully made port Saturday with two barges of logs. She was followed by the Tennessee with a similar tow.

The Kate Adams made port Saturday with a good cargo and will clear again Monday at 4 o'clock.

The Princess was to arrive Saturday afternoon from Cairo and all landings in the upper bends. She will clear Monday evening on her return trip.

The Eclipse was to return from Ashport Saturday evening and to remain in port until Tuesday morning.

The Oncoming is due in from Oncoala and get ready for her departure Tuesday morning.

J. P. Higgins, assistant traffic manager of the barge line, spent a few hours in Memphis Friday night, on his way to New Orleans.

ITALIAN DREADNOUGHT TRAPPED IN FIUME PORT

(By International News Service.) PARIS, Dec. 4.—The Italian dreadnought Dante Alighieri has been trapped in the harbor of Fiume by the sinking of one of the ships of Gabriele d'Annunzio's fleet at the entrance to the port, according to a dispatch received here. A small cruiser which had joined D'Annunzio some time ago was sunk off the port to prevent the dreadnought from leaving the harbor to join the Italian blockade fleet.

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